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Two Sisters of St. Joseph and Two Infirmary Patients.

ANOTHER SISTER BADLY BURNED

Destructive Conflagration Occurs at Houston, Texas—Besides the Deaths the Property Loss Will Reach Nearly Half a Million Dollars—It Was the Greatest in the City's History.

HOUSTON, Oct. 17.—The worst fire in the history of this city broke out, and before it was placed under control, not only had a large amount of property been destroyed, but two Sisters of St. Joseph were burned to death, two infirmary patients also perished, and a third sister dangerously injured. The fire originated in the San Jacinto hotel, or rather boardinghouse, at Franklin and San Jacinto streets, from which the flames spread rapidly to adjoining small buildings of St. Joseph's infirmary on Franklin, destroying also a large 2-story frame annex, and then the 4-story brick main building. The destruction of these buildings was accompanied by loss of life.

Sisters Dolera and Jane were burned beyond all possibility of recognition and Sister Clotilda was fearfully burned about the face, neck, breast and arms, her recovery being in doubt. Two patients are also missing, but there is not the slightest doubt that these also perished. On San Jacinto street the flames spread to a 1-story cottage, and next destroyed a 3-story boardinghouse, managed by Mrs. J. J. Hussey; the 3-story brick building of W. N. Shaw, occupied by the S. M. Rushmore Grocery company, and J. W. Hancock, stationer, and W. L. Foley's dry goods house, the largest in city. It was 4:30 when the flames were at last gotten under control. The loss is about \$438,000.

Death of the Sleeping Woman.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Oct. 17.—Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, the "sleeping wonder," of 311 East Main street, died yesterday morning at 2 o'clock after remaining in a comatose condition for eight days. A week ago Saturday night she was found in the hallway of her residence, where she had fallen, by a neighbor. From that time until death ensued she lay like one in a peaceful sleep. Her case aroused the greatest interest on the part of the medical fraternity. Dr. Baldwin, the attending physician, gives apoplexy as the cause of the woman's mysterious condition for so long. She was 65 years of age.

Boys Return to Work.

MUNCIE, Ind., Oct. 17.—The striking boys in the flint factory at Ball Brothers' glass works returned to work yesterday, and the places of the half hundred lads in factory No. 1 are being filled with older boys who are not afraid of the striking youngsters injuring them. The lads demand an increase from \$3 to \$3.50 a week. A majority quit work Saturday, but they forced others to fall in line Monday by whipping them.

Will Die in Prison.

ANDERSON, Ind., Oct. 17.—Dick Goodman, the leader of the notorious Dundee gang of robbers, was yesterday taken to the prison north for five years. He was supported on crutches, and suffering considerably from a shotgun wound made in effecting his capture in a dark storeroom, over a year ago, at which time Deputy Sheriff Coburn was also shot. Goodman will die before his term ends.

Minister Called to His Door and Shot At.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Oct. 17.—Rev. M. Bashan, living near Lexington, was called to his door Monday night, and when he opened it, persons outside fired on him. He jumped back, secured a Winchester and returned the fire, wounding one of his assailants as shown by a trail of blood. The attempted assassination was by desperadoes whom he had scored in sermons.

Bayard Welcomed Home.

WILMINGTON, Del., Oct. 17.—All Delaware turned out to formally welcome Ambassador Thomas F. Bayard back to his state and city, after an absence of 18 months as the representative of his government at the court of St. James. It was a great demonstration and those who attended were numbered only by the capacity of the opera house, in which the ceremonies were held.

Fatal Quarrel Among School Boys.

PARKERSBURG, W. Va., Oct. 17.—At the close of school Monday, at Brighton, a village near this place, a quarrel among the boys developed into a shooting and cutting scrape, in which Willis Gardner, aged 15, was shot to death and his little brother, aged 8, fatally stabbed. The teacher, Morris Pickering, was also fearfully cut while trying to preserve order.

Did Not Turn Off the Gas.

ELKHART, Ind., Oct. 17.—C. F. Robinson of Niles, Mich., registered at the Elkhart House and was next morning found dead in his bed, having been killed by inhaling gas, he failing to completely shut it off. He was about 48 years old, a widower, and has one son, whom he was looking for in this city, as he has not seen him for years.

Postoffice Safe Robbed.

NEW ALBANY, Ind., Oct. 17.—Some unknown thief robbed Postmaster Schindler's safe in his private room in the postoffice of \$4,000 in stamps and \$500 in money between 12 and 1 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Postmaster Schindler says the safe was locked, and that the lock was picked. No one saw the thief, and no clew has been found.

VERY INCOMPLETE.

The United States Scheme of Coast Defense in Case of War.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—The work of equipping the troops of the regular army with the new magazine rifle is progressing as rapidly as the limited plant of the Springfield National armory will permit. The fabrication of the complex and accurate machinery necessary to make the new weapon required much time, and now that the plant is in running order, the output is about 25,000 arms per year. As far as the arms are completed they are issued to the troops, and at this rate it will be about a year before our small armory is brought up to a modern standard by being supplied with magazine guns. When this work is accomplished the ordnance officers will turn their attention to the militia.

A sample weapon has been sent to the national guard of each state so that men may familiarize themselves with it, but at the present rate of output it will be several years before they can all be supplied. This fact has deeply impressed some distinguished military men in Washington, taken in connection with the rather startling suggestions made by General Schofield in his annual report, just published, touching the insufficiency of our army in the point of numerical strength and his comparison of the United States with China from a military standpoint. It has always been the proud boast of the public men who have resisted the establishment of a good standing army, that in case of a hostile attack the government could secure a million volunteers in a day. To this the military experts of today are replying by the question, what are we to do with these raw volunteers, and how shall they be armed?

Our Defenseless Condition.

One of the most distinguished tacticians now living, who is perhaps more familiar with our military resources than any man in the country, has asked this question. Following outline of reasoning he made a rather surprising observation. Said he:

"Having in view the completeness of our scheme of coast defense and the absolute insignificance of our navy when compared with the magnificent navies of Europe, I have no hesitation in saying that it is entirely possible for at least two of the nations of Europe to land 250,000 men on our Atlantic coast. To these we can oppose with about 50,000 soldiers; 20,000 being of the regular army and 30,000 militia, for I am convinced that this is about our effectual military strength in an emergency. In the course of time we could add a great number of raw volunteers. But the latter

We Can Not Arm and Equip.

It requires, as you see, much time to do this, and I am of the opinion that the foreign invaders would be able to occupy St. Louis before we could make the arms, for, of course, we would be prevented by the neutrality acts from purchasing abroad. I believe that General Schofield rather understated the case in comparing the United States with China, but the fact is that we are not nearly so well prepared by land or sea to resist attack from even one European power, as was China to resist Japan. The disproportion in effective force is even greater, and for the United States to rely on its latent power and on its vast population and wealth is as wrong as was China's reliance on the same facts."

FAST BICYCLE RIDING.

The World's Record For a Twenty-Four Hour Run Broken at Cleveland.

CLEVELAND, Oct. 17.—Louis Gimm, a member of the Cleveland Wheel club, succeeded, at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, in breaking the world's record for a 24-hour run. The run was made upon the Newburg Driving Park track in the presence of a large crowd of interested spectators. The first mile was made in 2:59 4-5, the first 10 miles in 29:59 3-5, the first 20 miles in 1:01:39, the first 30 miles in 2:30:53, the first 75 miles in 3:46:18, and the first 100 in 5:06:13 1-5, or 39:05 4-5 less than the best previous record.

At 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon when Gimm left the track he had covered 383 3-4 miles and 170 yards, or 370 270 yards less than 384 miles. The best previous record was 874 miles made by Ed S. Spooner. Gimm rested but 17 1-3 minutes during the 24-hour run—19 minutes at the end of the 110th mile, 34 minutes at the end of the 181st and 19 1-2 at the end of the 265th. The last mile was made in 2:54. Gimm was in fairly good condition when he left the track.

An Eight Thousand Dollar Blaze.

FRANKFORT, Ky., Oct. 17.—The old Whitmore & Rule saw and planing mill, on the south side, was totally destroyed by fire yesterday entailing a loss of nearly \$8,000 to the owners and operators. It was owned by the Branch bank and Farmers bank, of this city, and the Citizens' bank of Danville, having been bought in by them at the receiver's sale, after Whitmore & Rule's assignment, two years ago. The planing mill and dry kiln was being operated by Mr. John Pilkington, whose loss is \$2,000, with insurance of \$1,550. The banks estimate their loss at \$6,000, with about \$4,000 insurance.

Scarlet Fever Epidemic.

JEFFERSONVILLE, Ind., Oct. 17.—Scarlet fever has developed here in a violent form, resulting in several deaths. An epidemic is feared. Much alarm is being felt for children in the public schools.

More Shops Start Up.

ANDERSON, Ind., Oct. 17.—Five shops were started yesterday in the Pennsylvania Glass company's second factory. The force is nonunion, and will continue as such in both factories.

BURGLAR'S BLOODY WORK.

A Man and His Wife Brutally Attacked With a Hatchet.

OAKLAND, Cal., Oct. 17.—A burglar did bloody work with a hatchet at the residence of Rev. F. E. Wolf in Alameda early yesterday morning. Mrs. Wolf was awakened by the presence of a man in the bedroom where she and her husband slept. She rose in bed and was struck down with a hatchet. Her husband, awakened by her cry, attempted to rise. He too was struck down.

In their struggle with the burglar the Wolfs screamed lustily, arousing their neighbors. When succor came both were lying unconscious in their blood-stained bed. On the floor lay the hatchet, where it had been dropped by the escaped robber. Mrs. Wolf has regained consciousness and will probably recover, though she has bad wounds about her skull. Mr. Wolf is mortally wounded. The hatchet pierced his skull on the right side, severing the temporal artery; one of his cheeks is terribly gashed and his head is badly battered. Mr. and Mrs. Wolf are missionaries, who lately returned from Alaska.

Not a Conversion.

BERLIN, Oct. 17.—The Kreuz Zeitung says that Princess Alix of Hesse has obtained concessions from the Russian holy synod such as no princess in a like position ever before secured in embracing the orthodox faith. The princess, according to the newspaper mentioned, will not declare her former religion to be accursed nor will she state that her conversion is due to the conviction that the truth lies not with her own, but with the Russia church. It is added that the holy synod will be satisfied with a simple declaration that the Princess joins the Greek church in order to be of the same religion as her future husband.

Business Portion at Sulphur, Ky., Burned.

LA GRANGE, Ky., Oct. 17.—A fire broke out in Sulphur, about eight miles east of here on the Louisville and Nashville, and swept away the entire central portion of the town. The list of property destroyed embraces seven stores, Deposit bank of Sulphur, two livery stables, two hotels and six residences. The Louisville and Nashville depot, which was filled with merchandise, was destroyed, as was the water tank. The loss is estimated at over \$100,000, partly covered by insurance.

Fatal Weakness of the Mississippi's Month.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 17.—Judge Advocate General Leahy of the navy has just returned to Washington from New Orleans, where he completed the purchase of a tract of land adjoining the site of a drydock at Algiers, opposite the city. The price paid was \$47,000. If a small estimate submitted by the bureau of yards and docks is allowed by congress the ground will be cleared up and put in such shape that work can begin on the new dock soon after congress provides the means.

In a State of Rebellion.

PARIS, Oct. 17.—A dispatch from Tangier reports that Morocco city has been in a state of rebellion for the past week. The sultan's caliph, Prince Mouley Abbas, is hummed in by the insurgents owing to his attempt to execute the sultan's order to arrest Said Behama. The Said resisted desperately and finally committed suicide to evade being taken into custody. The governor of Casa Blanca has been deposed on the ground of incapacity.

No Settlement Reached.

BRAZIL, Ind., Oct. 17.—At the block coal operators' meeting here yesterday it was made known that an agreement with the Chicago and Eastern Illinois regarding freight rates had not yet been received. After a short session without accomplishing anything the meeting was adjourned until next week, when another conference will be held here. A final settlement is then expected.

Fatal Duel Between Farmers.

COLUMBIA, S. C., Oct. 17.—Charles H. Williams and William Pearson, white farmers, between whom, for years, bad blood has existed, had a fatal duel yesterday in Orangeburg county. The two men met in the fields and both commenced firing at the same time. Their guns were loaded with buckshot and Pearson was instantly killed. Williams is badly wounded about the head, but to what extent is not known.

Had Hid the Money in a Well.

DAKOTA CITY, Neb., Oct. 17.—A warrant was issued yesterday for Herman Freese, ex-cashier of the Homer State bank. Some months ago he claimed bandits overpowered him at his home, took him to the bank and compelled him to open the vault and gave them several thousand dollars. He was discharged, and yesterday the money was found in a well on his place by accident.

Disasters to the Fishing Fleet.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Oct. 17.—The record of disasters to the fishing fleet for the year, ending this month, is the largest ever known here in a single season. Twenty-nine vessels, with an aggregate tonnage of 2,354 tons and 112 men were lost, against 10 vessels and 53 men last year.

Jealousy the Cause of a Murder.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Oct. 17.—Juan Vilji shot and killed Jose Ortiaga of Las Lunas, at Belen, whither he had gone in company with his wife to visit her parents. Ortiaga was married 15 days ago to a woman who had discarded Vilji. Jealousy was the cause of the murder.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Oct. 17.—Governor Altgeld has commuted the sentence of death of Frank A. Kurtz to imprisonment for life. Kurtz was to have hanged Friday, the 19th, for killing his wife in Chicago this year.

PLANING MILL BOILER EXPLODES.

Two Men Fatally Injured and Another One Badly Hurt.

CAREY, O., Oct. 17.—The boiler in the planing mill of Henry Waters blew up yesterday. One man was fatally injured; another's left leg was torn off, and a third received injuries about the head.

The planing mill was a 2-story structure, and the end in which the boiler was located was torn into atoms. The explosion was so terrific that the entire town was shaken as if by an earthquake, and the concussion was felt in the country districts over a mile distant.

A part of the boiler was thrown over 500 feet, damaging wire fences and three garden patches. Timbers were scattered as if by a cyclone. The worst injured man was Solomon K. Sterling, the engineer, who was dug up from under a heap of debris. He was badly cut up and bruised, and can not move from internal injuries. Jack Greeno was thrown 20 feet in the air; his left leg was torn off, and his head was badly cut. Samuel Bechtel's head was cut. There were a number of narrow escapes.

Would-Be Bank Robbers Foiled.

PORTLAND, Or., Oct. 17.—Word has just reached here that four masked men followed up the president of the First National bank at Hissboro late Monday night while he was on his way home. He had been working at the bank until after midnight and was waylaid just after he started home. The robbers escorted him back to the bank and endeavored to open the bank vault, after having compelled the president to give them the combination. They worked at the job for some time but finally gave up and left without securing anything.

Excitement at Cripple Creek.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Colo., Oct. 17.—Excitement is running high among the miners on account of the shooting of James Cannon and Thomas Short by Deputy Sheriff Sterling at Divide Monday, when they attempted to escape from custody. It is claimed that the prisoners were innocent of the robbery which they were charged and that there was no excuse for removing them to Colorado Springs without a hearing. Threats to sack this city and Colorado Springs are openly made and it is feared the old war will break out anew.

Militia Guarding a Jail.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 17.—A mob of several thousand people surrounded the jail here last night, threatening to lynch Jasper Dolby, the colored man who raped Mrs. Mary C. Boyd of Parrett's station. Dolby was lodged in jail yesterday morning and was identified during the day by Mrs. Boyd. The mob became so demonstrative that the militia was ordered out by the sheriff and the crowd dispersed at the point of bayonets. The militia is guarding the jail.

A Minister Nearly Seventy Years.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., Oct. 17.—Rev. E. Hazard Snowden, the oldest Presbyterian minister in the state, died at his home in Forty Fort yesterday, aged 95 years 6 months. He was the oldest living graduate of Princeton theological seminary. He was admitted to practice law in the supreme court of New York, at Utica, in 1821, and was licensed to preach in 1825. His first ministerial charge was at St. Augustine, Fla.

Ocean Vessels to Reach the Lakes.

CHICAGO, Oct. 17.—Captain J. S. Dunham and Lyman E. Cooley, who were appointed as delegates to the deep waterways convention at Toronto, submitted their report to the directors of the board of trade, and recommended that the board give its support to the movement for securing the deepening of the St. Lawrence canal system to enable ocean vessels to reach the lake.

Not Responsible for the Accident.

NEW YORK, Oct. 17.—Louis Aronowitz, owner of the building, 74 Monroe street, which recently collapsed and caused the death and injury of several persons, was discharged in the Essex Market police court yesterday morning by Justice Sims, who held that he was not responsible for the accident. Aaronowitz had been arrested and paroled for examination.

Death of Mrs. Bettie L. S. Harrison.

MINNEAPOLIS, Oct. 17.—Mrs. Bettie L. S. Harrison, widow of the late Colonel A. Irwin Harrison, oldest brother of ex-President Harrison, died yesterday as the result of a surgical operation. She was the daughter of William Sheets of Indianapolis, and was 58 years old. The interment will be at Indianapolis.

Death of an Old River Captain.

PITTSBURG, Oct. 17.—Joseph Leland Lytle, for many years a steamboat captain, and known all along the Ohio and Mississippi as "Uncle Joe," died suddenly yesterday of paralysis of the heart, aged 69 years. He was a member of the firm of S. Morrow & Company, lamp manufacturers.

Alleged Trainwrecker Jailed.

BATTLE CREEK, Mich., Oct. 17.—George M. Johnson, one of the alleged trainwreckers, was brought here from Marshall jail yesterday evening and arraigned before Justice Henry. He asked for an examination, which will take place Oct. 24. In default of \$10,000 bail he went to jail.

MERCED, Cal., Oct. 17.—The Merced bank, which has been doing business since 1875, closed its doors yesterday. The failure is due to the bank's inability to realize on its securities. As yet no statement has been made, but it is known that the bank had \$200,000 loaned to merchants and ranchers of this community who were unable to meet their obligations.

SHIPPING DISASTERS.

A Number of Vessels Wrecked Along the Pacific Coast.

PROBABLY HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE.

The American Ship Ivanhoe Has Probably Been Lost With All on Board. Colonel Fred Grant, Ex-Minister to Bolivia, Was a Passenger on the Ivanhoe. Account of Some of the Disasters.

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 17.—The gale which has prevailed along the North Pacific coast since Saturday last, has undoubtedly caused widespread disaster to shipping interests. At least three schooners are known to be wrecked, there are grave reasons for believing that the American ship Ivanhoe has been lost with all on board, and there is little doubt that the South Pacific raft of 10,000 apars and piles, valued at \$30,000, has been broken by the elements. The news of the next few days, it is thought, will show still greater loss.

From Tacoma, the schooner Nora Harkins is reported wrecked at the entrance to Gray's harbor. One seaman was drowned.

Reports have been received here of the wreck of the schooner Portia at Stewart's Point. Her bottom was knocked out on the rocks and her crew narrowly escaped with their lives.

It is also reported that the schooner Elfreta was driven on the rocks near Cambria on the San Luis Obispo county coast. A few minutes after the crew left her she broke in two and went down.

The American ship Ivanhoe, coal laden, from Seattle for this port, which has now been out 21 days, is almost certainly lost. Captain C. E. Griffin commanded her and she carried a crew of 18 men.

Colonel Fred Grant, one of the proprietors of the Seattle Post Intelligencer, and ex-minister to Bolivia, was a passenger on the Ivanhoe, having embarked on her to enjoy the novelty of a sea voyage. A mast and yards painted yellow and believed by seamen to be part of the riggings of the Ivanhoe, have been sighted off the Oregon coast. A floating deckhouse, painted as was the Ivanhoe, was also seen in the same locality.

HEAVY WEATHER AT SEA.

A Steamer Battles With a Hurricane For Nearly Twenty-Four Hours.

ASTORIA, Or., Oct. 17.—The steamer P. P. Elmore has arrived in from Tillamook, after encountering one of the heaviest seas known along the Pacific coast in years. She left Tillamook Monday morning at 6 o'clock with 11 passengers and a large cargo of case salmon consigned to Elmore, Sandborn & Company. After crossing Tillamook bar she struck a hove-in sea with a stiff north-western blowing, which soon increased to a perfect hurricane. All day long the steamer battled with the heavy seas, not daring to attempt to cross in at the mouth of the Columbia, which was reached about 3 p. m.

They remained out all night, the wind growing stronger and the seas heavier as the night wore away. About 1 o'clock yesterday morning they began to throw out their cargo, and after 200 cases of salmon had been pitched into the sea, the boat steadied and rode the seas much easier. The officers of the boat say that on several occasions during the night they gave up all hope of saving the steamer.

The State of California, the George W. Elder and three British vessels remained inside the heads until the Elmore crossed in.

One Man and Vessel Lost.

TACOMA, Oct. 17.—The two-masted schooner Nora Hastings, in ballast at San Francisco for Gray's harbor, broke her rudder and washed ashore yesterday on Peterson's Point near Ocota, on the Pacific coast. One man was lost; the balance of the crew were saved.

WHISKY WAR BEGUN.

Goods to Be Sold Regardless of Cost by the Trust.

PEORIA, Ill., Oct. 17.—The whisky trust yesterday reduced prices on alcohol 2 cents per gallon, equivalent to nearly 4 cents per wine gallon. This is regarded as the beginning of a war in prices between the trust and its competitors, which will eclipse any previous war and that goods will be sold regardless of cost of manufacture. When the trust abandoned its rebate system two weeks ago it was thought the trade would rush in with orders. Instead the anti-trust houses secured the trade and the trust to hold its own announces this preliminary reduction.

Anti-trust houses, notably the Atlas of Peoria, and a number in Terre Haute have started up, while at trust headquarters it is said none of the trust houses will resume before December or January. The trust is heavily stocked, and it costs 2 cents per gallon a month to carry the goods. The trust announces this reduction below the cost of manufacture under the increased tax to hold its trade. If the trust carries out its warlike intentions lively profitable times for all but the trust and anti-trust distilleries themselves are anticipated.

Eight Drunken Men Go on a Cruise.

DUBLIN, Oct. 17.—On Sunday eight drunken men procured a boat and went on a cruise in Tralee bay. They have not been seen since. Some bodies were washed ashore yesterday, and there is no doubt that all the members of the party were drowned.